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Councilmember von Wilpert Calls For an Extension For City Gas & Electric Franchise Agreement

SAN DIEGO- Councilmember Marni von Wilpert issued the following full statement regarding the sole gas and electric franchise bid:

This is an incredibly important decision that has significant impacts to our city. Our gas and electric franchise must help us meet our climate action goals as well as protect our communities from wildfires made worse by climate change. Workers who ensure we have power everyday also must have their voice heard in this process. It is important to make sure that every family and every neighborhood in San Diego has access to clean, reliable energy and a healthy environment.

“Efforts need to be made to come to an agreement with SDG&E on an extension of the current franchise, to allow time for appropriate consideration of this important decision. With a new Mayor, and a majority of this Council having not been involved in the process up to this point, I believe it would be inappropriate to rush into any new agreement.”

The idea of approving any agreement of this magnitude when the current terms did not receive the majority support from the previous City Council is troubling. The extension of time is important regardless of the next steps, so that the Council can obtain the best deal for our taxpayers.

“I look forward to hearing back from city staff after they have had time to review the bid to determine its responsiveness to the terms, and continuing the discussion with the public, stakeholders, the Mayor, and my Council colleagues.”

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